

and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

***Amendments***

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following claim1 for the pending claim1:

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule engineered to comprise all or a portion of at least two Ter-sites, wherein the nucleic acid comprises an origin of replication and the Ter-sites are arranged with respect to the origin of replication such that the sequence between the two Ter-sites is not replicated in a host cell that expresses a replication termination protein.